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SUBJECT: REVOLUTIONARY NOTES FROM BAIDA

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2. LTC MININTERIOR AND CHIEF RCC BAIDA WAS BACK AT AIR DEFENSE COMMAND POST BAIDA SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13. (NB MIN INT WAS DUE MOVE BAIDA FIRST WEEK SEPTEMBER). COMMENT: MUSA WHO OF HASA TRIBE SHAHAT COULD CONCEIVABLY REMAIN IN BAIDA SINCE ONE OF HIS BIGGEST JOBS AS MINISTER WILL BE REORGANIZING CYDEF AND INTEGRATION CYRENICAN TRIBES INTO SECURE REPUBLICAN SYSTEM. TO DATE, RCC BAIDA HAS RULED WITH FIRM BUT POLITE HAND. NO REPEAT NO SIGN RESISTANCE IN GREEN MOUNTAIN.

3. NEW MIN DEF AADIM HAWAZ REPORTEDLY DEVELOPED CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIONALIST CHINESE COL. YIEU (SPELLING UNCERTAIN), HIS COMMUNICATIONS ADVISER.

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4. FON MIN UNDERSECRATRY UMAYYIR WAS REPORTEDLY DETAINED SEVERAL DAYS ON ORDERS LT COL MUSA AHMAD. ONE WEEK BEFORE REVOLUTION

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UMAYYIR HAD REFUSED TAKE PHONE CALL FROM AHMAD - THEN CHIEF OF CONSCRIPTION BAIDA - BECAUSE OF LATTER'S LOW RANK. PERSONALITY CLASH DEVELOPED TO EXTENT UMAYYIR INDUCED CABINET DECIDE TRANSFER AHMAD FROM BAIDA. HOWEVER, MUSTAFA DRIIZA, CHIEF PROTOCOL FONMIN, BAIDA, TOLD ME SEPT 13 UMAYYIR MAY BE BACK IN BAIDA AS UNDERSECRETARY IN FEW DAYS. AT PRESENT, SENIOR MAN IN FON MIN IS HMAYDAH ZLITNI WHO ALSO DETAINED SEVERAL DAYS THEN RELEASED.

[redacted] BIED.

6. LIBYAN REVOLUTION WAS BROUGHT TOBRUK BY [redacted] BIED.
[redacted] WITH TWO LIBYAN ARMY
SARGEANTS. [redacted] WAS ASKED EARLY SEPTEMBER 1 TO GO TOBRUK BIED
AND SET UP [redacted] RADIO COMMO SYSTEM. HE AGREED VOLUNTARILY.
[redacted] AYS REVOLUTION HAD ONLY REACHED DERNA. THE TWO BIED.
SARGEANTS IN HIS CONVEYING VW DISARMED CYDEF SECURITY MEN
ALONG ROUTE. NO RESISTENCE BY SECURITY MEN, WHO HAD HEARD OF
COUP ON THEIR TRANSISTORS. BY THE TIME [redacted] REACHED OUTSKIRTS BIED
TOBRUK, HIS VW WAS FULL OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. SARGEANTS
DIRECTED HIM TO DRIVE TO SOME SHACKS ON THE EDGE OF TOWN
WHERE QUOTE BEDOUIN SPIES UNQUOTE PROVIDED SARGEANTS SKETCHY
MAPS TOBRUK WITH RADIO STATIONS AND SECURITY POSTS MARKED.
WHEN THE VW ENTERED TOBRUK, PEOPLE RECOGNIZED ARMY SARGEANTS
AND SHOUTED PRAISE THE REVOLUTION AND UNFURLED BANNERS.
PAINTED SLOGANS APPEARED SOON IN ENGLISH SAYING REVOLUTION
PROTECTS FOREIGNERS.

7. SARGEANT WITH [redacted] WAS PRESENT AT SEIZURE MOBILE STRIKE BIED
FORCE GRANADA. MEN ARMED ONLY WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS DISARMED
GUARDS OUTSIDE WALL, JUMPED WALL AND DISARMED GUARDS INSIDE.
THIS WAS 0300 HOURS SEPT 1. WHEN IT WAS CLEAR OPERATION WAS
A SUCCESS, OFFICERS TELEPHONED BENGHAZI AND TRIPOLI AND UNITS
MADE THEIR MOVES.

8. [redacted] HO CLOSE MANY YOUNG BIED

OFFICERS IN REVOLUTION, SAYS STRONG BASIC FEELING FOR US
FROM TRAINING AND LIBYAN-US ASSOCIATION. HE BELIEVES US

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CAN HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH REVOLUTION IF IT CONDUCTS WISE DIPLOMACY. ULTIMATELY, LIBYA'S RELATIONS WITH US DEPEND ON HOW VIGOROUSLY US PURSUES TRULY JUST SOLUTION MIDDLE EAST CRISIS.
BLAKE

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